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THREE WORDS OF STRENGTH

There are three lessons I would write,
Three words, as with a burning pen,
In tracings of eternal light,
Upon the hearts of men.

Have Hope. Though clouds environ round,
And gladness hides her face in scorn,
Put off the shadow from thy brow:
No night but hath its morn.

Have Faith. Where'er thy bark is driven—
The calm's disport, the tempest's mirth—
Know this: God rules the hosts of heaven,
The inhabitants of earth.

Have Love. Not love alone for one,
But man, as man, thy brother call;
And scatter, like a circling sun,
Thy charities on all. —Schiller.

EDITORIAL

WOMEN ON THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

We regret that so small a proportion of the church membership was present at the annual meeting. The absent ones missed some delightful surprises, especially in the report of the work done by the various women's societies. They certainly hold the palm for constant, steady service, and for results. We wish it were possible to have all the reports published, for everyone will admit that the financial statement as issued was unfair to the workers. Why should receipts not receive the same detailed attention as expenditures? Why not recognize the payment by the Ladies' Aid of \$1871.37 on the second mortgage and of \$300 on Anniversary Sunday, instead of bulking all in a mass with Sundries? The same of course applies to the other departments included in the group. It is not very inspiring.

According to the reports, it would seem that in church, contrary to what is commonly accepted as the usual practice, women become the money-makers, and men the money spenders. Both are essential, but don't you think that both should be represented on the Managing Board? It undoubtedly is reasonable that those who produce should have the right to a voice in the expenditures. And moreover, the ladies of St. Paul's have proven their intelligence and capacity for finance. Are we not negligent in that we have not given them the opportunity of this further service? But such has never been the custom! Of course it has not. But in these days that is no longer an argument against an advance movement. Custom becomes a rut. Let's get out of it.

We hope that the first vacancy occurring on the board will be filled by a woman and that next year's annual meeting will see women recognized as leaders in the church as well as within their own societies. Understand, this does not mean that we underestimate the splendid work of our present board, but isn't it time for a change?

IN THIS ISSUE

We are glad to be able to publish this month for the first time direct news from the front, and to know that The Chimes are appreciated. Some of our boys are asking for more fun, more brightness. So send along your stories, jokes and witticisms.

Pleased to note that the Managers are making a start toward the realization of "the four-square boy" ideal.

Why should the financial burden of our church be borne by a minority of its members and adherents, while the majority simply accept its privileges? Aren't they worth a regular cash contribution? The Lord loveth a cheerful giver; what must his opinion be of the care-free taker? The best of success to the Managers in their new effort to change non-supporters into supporters.

CONTRIBUTED

My Dear Soldier Friends:

St. Paul's Manse,
Winnipeg, Feb. 11th, 1918.

On behalf of your home church, I have pleasure in sending you through the "Chimes" another congregational letter. The self-denial and sacrifice which you are giving so faithfully in order to make the world safe for Democracy, endear you more than ever to us all. Our hearts thrill with pride when we hear—as we so often do—of your courage and endurance. As the months go by, more and more of our congregation are joining you there. Our Honor Roll has been twice enlarged and now contains the names of more than four hundred of the men of our congregation. During all these months you have been greatly missed in many relationships in our church, and needless to say, we are doing our work less well because of your absence. You know the old saying about "never missing the water until the well runs dry." That certainly applies to our present condition.

Since last writing you, we have held our congregational meeting, and all the reports of 1917 told of a good year's work in St. Paul's. One of the outstanding features of the year was the splendid work undertaken by the Young Ladies' Club in publishing our church magazine, "The Chimes." The Intermediate and Senior Endeavor Societies both secured the banner awarded by the Christian Endeavor Rally. You will be interested to know that Mr. Harry Northcote, one of our returned men, has been appointed president of the Senior Christian Endeavor. The Sunday School reported an enrolment of 825 with an average attendance of 700 for the year. The Ladies' Aid had by far the greatest year in the history of the church, their contribution of \$3,200 to the church's finance is an enviable record. The Kitchener Society's report was another of the outstanding features of the year's work. Lured on by the conviction that courage mounts higher under a warm sweater knit by homeland hands, that marches

are swifter when warm home socks make comfortable feet, the women of our church worked with untiring effort during the year on your behalf.

The crusade we have started upon is a greater one than we anticipated, and more costly. But the path of duty lies more clearly than ever before. Nor do we want any patched-up peace. To seek peace in that way would be treason against those who have died, and a crime against those who have not yet been born. For it would be seeking peace for ourselves—because we have had enough of war—and leaving the final settlement as a horrible legacy to the rising generation. There could not, I venture to think, be a surer way than that of securing to ourselves the contempt of ages yet unborn.

My dear brother, the home folks honor you for your loyalty, courage and endurance, sympathize with you in the hardships which you are called upon to endure, and want you to feel that they are behind you to the limit of their resources. The new Union Government in Canada goes forward to its great task of winning the war, with commendable resource, Canada is going to ring true to the call of duty.

Meanwhile the war continues, God is marching on and we must follow his leading. We must believe in a Divine Providence, preventing things, permitting things, overruling and directing things to some Divine and gracious end. Lift up your hearts! The Lord reigneth! Righteousness is on the throne and the final triumph is sure.

For right is right since God is God,
And right the day must win;
To doubt would be disloyalty,
To falter would be sin.

In our hearts we all cherish the hope of your safe return, and with earnest prayer for your welfare we commend you to God the Refuge, Help and Consolation of all.

Very sincerely,

P. BRUCE THORNTON.

CHRONICLES OF THE TEMPLE

Chapter II.

Behold, my dream continued and I saw within the walls of the Temple a host of maidens dressed in white raiment, and the Angel spake and said, write thus: "These are they who with great trial and tribulation have given unto the Temple the record of its doings. No hope of reward have they, save that of duty done. Through their works the people of the great Temple know all of its doings, and even the warriors across the great seas get their knowledge likewise. Well done, good and faithful servants." Then the maidens passed within to the inner Temple and the Angel waited.

Then cometh a small band of men, each carrying a scroll in his hand, and as they passed within they spake earnestly one with another. Then the maiden said, "These be few in number, need I write of them?" But the Angel said, "Judge not. A little leaven leaveneth the whole. These are they who speak wisdom unto whomsoever will

come to hear, on the third day of the week. Persistent and cheerful are they, and faithful unto their task."

And in my dream I saw a band of men and maidens come within, and even as they entered the Angel smiled and said: "Write, these are they who help the poor and the needy. Many a broken heart have they healed. Never do they pass by on the other side. Be glad and rejoice that ye have this great class, for even a cup of cold water given in the Master's name shall not lose its reward." And the Angel blessed them as they passed within.

Then came another band of youths and maidens, and the maiden wrote as the Angel commanded: "These are they who endeavor to live their life as Christ lived His." And their faith was strengthened as they heard these words and they passed within the Temple.

Then looked I without the walls, and I saw in my dream a small band, and while I yet watched they came within, and behold some made merry in whispers and laughter, while others seemed to be eating, yet saw I not any bread. Even the maiden was astonished and said, "What shall I write of these?" But the Angel said, with a sad face: "Nay, write not, I pray thee, for these are they who disturb the service of the Temple by whispering and laughter and biting a substance continually. Yet they are young and know not that the Temple is sacred, but as they grow in stature and in years the example of their elders will make plain their paths." Then they passed within, even while the Angel was yet speaking.

While I yet dreamed, behold there cometh a small company of men, and some of them were halt and maimed and blind and lame. Even as they entered, all the great company of men, women and children arose and sang, "God Save Our Splendid Men," and the Angel blessed them and said, "Count it joy that ye bear upon your body the marks obtained in your fight against wrong and oppression. Honor to whom honor is due," shall be written in the Book of the Chronicles of St. Paulus." And as they passed within, all the people stood to do them honor.

While the people stood, there came the soft sound of a gentle wind, and the Angel stood still. Then the maiden was afraid and wrote not, but the Angel spake and said: "These are the spirits of them who have died for the Nation." And behold there arose a great lamentation, and the sound of Rachel crying for her children and she would not be comforted. But the Angel spake again and said: "Weep not, for greater love hath no man than this." Then came upon all the people a great calm.

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After these things there was silence, and the Angel waited and the maiden still sat at his feet. Then in my dream heard I a noise as of wings, and the face of the Angel became sad and troubled. Then in fear and trembling did I behold a small evil form come into the Temple, and it was like unto a bird of prey, and in color it was black. It gazed in triumph upon the face of the Angel, and flew within the great Temple, even among all the great host gathered within. While I yet gazed, the evil thing flew from place to place in the Temple, and some struck at it and beat it back, and as they did so it became less in size and its eyes became dim, but others looked kindly upon it, and even as they did so it became great in size and its eyes shone with a fierce light. And it seemed to me that the people took away its life and gave it more life according to the manner in which they received the evil thing. Then in wonder gazed I upon the Angel and heard him say: "Write, This is the Spirit of Discord. Behold closely its power."

And while I yet watched, there was a great coming together of all the people of the Temple of St. Paulus, and one lifted up his voice and spake, and when he had made an end, I saw and behold the Spirit of Discord became exceedingly small, and his eyes became dim, and I knew that he could no longer make the Temple his abiding place. I gazed upon the Angel and his face was shining and bright, and he spake to the maiden and said: "Write, Blessed are the Peacemakers," and while she was yet writing, lo a great light appeared where the Angel had stood, but he was not.

Then I awoke and behold it was but a dream. Yet, in my heart do I ponder these things.

CHURCH DEPARTMENTS

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

One great problem before the Board of Management during the past year was the question of the most efficient mode of church government. Two methods were open to us, either our present system of two boards—Session and Managers—or a joint board to be called Deacon's Court.

A committee went to considerable trouble to secure for us data of Deacon's Court government; conditions were discussed in both Session and Board of Managers; to further stimulate interest in the congregation, the Men's Club held an open debate on the question, and finally a joint meeting of both Session and Managers was held in January to arrive at a decision on the point. The merits and demerits of both systems were freely discussed, and eventually it was resolved by a majority that the question should not be put to the congregation and that we abide by our present methods of church government.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board, the following members appointed Managers by the congregation, were welcomed: Messrs. Kane, Fljazzdal, Burleigh, Doig, Hopkins and Morley. Various com-

mittees were appointed and the following appointed to the respective offices for the year 1918:

Chairman—H. A. Fraser.

Vice-Chairman—E. Ironside.

Secretary—J. M. Clark.

Assistant Secretary—A. Fullarton.

Treasurer—M. Rodgers.

Assistant Treasurer—T. Corbett.

Honorary Treasurer—A. Armstrong.

The question of doing something for the Junior members of our church was raised, and the Managers decided that in this instance they were prepared to pay for the instalment of a basketball outfit. In discussing the matter, the Managers realized the importance of securing loyalty to the church among the younger members, and that in a question of securing healthy recreation for them in connection with the church, a step in the right direction was being taken.

Financial matters, as usual, occupy a prominent place in our agenda, and a systematic effort will be made within the next few days to secure as many names as possible to contribute by weekly envelope. The number doing so at present is comparatively small. Our duty to the church demands our strong financial support. If we had even an average per head of 25c. our troubles would be practically solved, but our experience has shown that with a number of our members the church is considered last. Is this fair to the church? Is it fair to the members who are bearing their share? Is it fair to yourself?

THE LADIES' AID

While thanking the church friends for the loyalty which made possible our success in 1917, we, at the same time, ask your co-operation for 1918. "Mortgage lifting" was our slogan for 1917, but "Mortgage clearing" is that for 1918. We hope, with your help, to clear the second mortgage, now reduced to \$2,200, and then we may turn our attention to much needed repairs and to remodelling of the church auditorium. Mrs. Rodgers has been appointed convenor for our Fall Bazaar, and preparations are already being made for the great event. The ladies of the congregation are forming sewing circles. Each circle is allowed ten dollars to start the work, it being their duty to raise the rest of the necessary funds by means of silver teas, parlor musicales, etc.

We still maintain our regular routine work: carrying on our Calendar scheme; visiting and sending flowers to the sick; getting acquainted with the congregation and interesting them in specific work in our church and in general doing that which seems to us to be in accordance with the will of the Master whom we try to serve.

THE KITCHENER SOCIETY

Click, click, click, how the needles go
Through the busy fingers to and fro.

In all 518 pairs of socks were turned out by our members during the year. To Mrs. Bradshaw falls the honor of knitting most, 46 pairs; Mrs. Bearisto second, 39 pairs.

On the evening of January 24th, Ada Ward gave her illustrated lecture "With My Blackboard at the Front" before a large and appreciative audience.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

There is nothing mercurial about our attendance. Despite the drop in temperature we still hit the 750 mark. A special collection in aid of the Armenian and Syrian relief amounted to \$59.

The Older Girls' Conference, held in Augustine church, took the form of a supper, followed by games, and a very instructive and delightful talk by Rev. J. W. Little, who urged the need of definite organization to get definite results.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

The C. E. is celebrating its 37th anniversary, and renewing its allegiance to its original principles of confession of Christ, service for Him, loyalty to His church, and fellowship with His people.

We hope the new library will be of service to our members.

The success of our socials in conjunction with the Bible Class, makes us feel that it would be a great advantage if members of each were members of both.

Our new missionary convenor is putting heart and soul into her work, realizing that missions are the great responsibility of the church.

W. M. SOCIETY

Our two Missionary Circles are meeting regularly once every week in the different homes, knitting or sewing for our soldiers.

At our last monthly meeting, our Pastor suggested our society adopting a double roll call—who are members, and who should be. Which are you on?

There passed away at her home, 767 Winnipeg avenue, on Sabbath, January 13th, another of our company, Miss Isabel Smith, an interested though shut-in member of our church. In early womanhood, and with her best vigor, Miss Smith taught school. After teaching for some years, she determined to extend her sphere of usefulness by adding nursing, and took a course of instruction at the City Hospital, Boston, Mass., and after graduating, followed this profession with capability, having charge of the floating hospital in Boston Harbor during the Spanish-American war, with other important positions. Stricken with paralysis some fifteen years ago, she has been invalided physically, but her mentality, in which she was greatly gifted, remained without impairment, to the very last. After a solemn service at her home on Monday evening, where many friends gathered, the remains, accompanied by Miss C. Smith, were sent to Tara, Ont., for burial in the family plot near her birthplace.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS

The women of the class have been exceptionally busy of late. With the sudden drop in temperature came an urgent demand for warm clothing, especially for children. Our relief convenor immediately organized a sewing circle, which met for the first time at the home of Mrs. Hanley, where twenty willing workers quickly converted yards of flannel into little garments. We would be glad to have you join in this labor of love. You won't be so cold yourself when you know you have helped some little one to be warm.

The social committee are providing real live entertainments. Come and enjoy them with us.

THE CHOIR

The election of officers for 1918 was held the Friday previous to the annual meeting and resulted in the re-election of all to their former positions.

Surprise and consternation was caused by the unprecedented absence of the President and several members of the executive from a recent morning service. It is supposed that the weather was ideal—for staying in.

That reminds us that the weather seems often to be extremely cold on Friday nights—judging by the attendance at rehearsals, far too cold!

A question for your thoughtful consideration: Why did Providence not provide a better supply of tenors? We would be thankful for even one more.

By the time this Chimes is out, our concert will be a blessed memory.

When this scribe sat in the congregation he used to hear a few people round about him singing the hymns, but the greater number he needed to *see* to know whether they were singing or not. Let all the people sing and with all their hearts, the hymns belonging to the congregation.

THE YOUNG LADIES' CLUB

THE PETITION of The Young Ladies' Club of St. Paul's Church, SHEWETH:

THAT WHEREAS the members of the aforesaid Club have undertaken to extend their field of labor by devoting two or three evenings per month to Red Cross Sewing, such sewing meetings to be held at the homes of the various members of the Club; and in addition to such sewing meetings to have one literary meeting per month, each meeting to be addressed by an outside speaker:

AND WHEREAS the members of the aforesaid The Young Ladies' Club have been fortunate in securing as speaker at their March Literary Meeting, Mr. Ironside, who will give an address on "The Life of Abraham Lincoln."

AND WHEREAS the Recreation Committee of the aforesaid Club has arranged a number of skating and tobogganning parties for the entertainment of the members and their friends.

AND WHEREAS the aforesaid The Young Ladies' Club have decided that in order to carry out in a profitable and satisfactory manner the hereinbefore recited programme it was incumbent upon them to increase the membership of the Club;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Petition of the Young Ladies' Club is that when and so often as any officer or member of the Club shall approach any young lady of the Congregation of St. Paul's Church, and invite her to visit or become a member of the aforesaid Club, that such young lady so invited shall receive the officer or member in a friendly manner, and permit her name and address to be taken, and give her promise that she shall, when possible, visit the aforesaid Club and partake of the benefits thereof, and in turn do her part towards recruiting new members for the aforesaid Club, and in assisting the Club in carrying out its programme.

GIVEN under the hand and seal of the Club this 1st day of February, A.D. 1918.

MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club have held only three meetings since last report. The question of a Deacon's Court was thoroughly gone into on the evening of January 8th. On January 22nd we discussed the Jitney vs. Street Railway problem, representatives from each organization being present to state their respective claims. The majority in this case were of the opinion that jitneys must be kept off the main streets where the cars run. The Food Control Commission was our next subject. It was generally conceded that apart from the fixing of the price of wheat, the Food Control was largely a joke, a myth, or political fake. Three ladies who were interested, attended our last meeting.

SOLDIER PAGE

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS FROM THE FRONT

"I have received the first copy of the 'Chimes,' and believe me that is the kind of stuff the boys out here want to get. The Maidens in the Temple of St. Paulus have certainly been busy this winter and the boys out here appreciate their efforts very much. Let us have more of the news from home and from St. Paul's."

"Before I go further, let me congratulate you upon the excellent results of your efforts, as shown by the first edition of 'St. Paul's Chimes.' I have not, so far, received my copy, but was fortunate enough to meet MacFarlane, who had received one and kindly lent it to me. I can assure you I enjoyed every word of the contents. It made me feel as if I were amongst you once more. I am quite sure that all the boys who are interested in the work which the people of St. Paul's are doing, join with me in wishing you every success in this new enterprise and in congratulating you and all who contributed in

any way to make the launching of the first edition of 'St. Paul's Chimes' such a great success."

"Please don't be annoyed, but your cake went to Italy. My friend very foolishly opened a box containing a cake, in the presence of the old French lady with whom we are just now billeted, and the wistful look on her face caused me to make enquiries. She said she would like to send a cake to her husband, who is fighting in Italy, but was too poor to do so. Of course when yours arrived I had to give it to her. I'm getting too fat anyway. Just the same, I don't think my friend will open any more of his boxes in the house—when I get through with him."

Impressions: a la Walt Mason

"Gee, I'm a miserable bird. To be happy or gay it's absurd. This monstrous life away from the wife makes me wish I had never occurred. The army is so full of grief, that to sleep is not even relief, for while you are dreaming, you hear sergeants screaming and officers grinding their teeth. We arise in the morning at six. Fold up our beds without ticks. Dress, shave and wash, in ice-water by gosh. Then eat with our shovels and picks. The grub is sure rightly named. When you see little ones they have tamed, going into the stew and then into you. Oh, where's the man to be blamed (advise). If you join this great army to fight, to help win the war with your might, take out your brains and hand your remains, to the first blooming sergeant in sight."

From a Prisoner of War

"Christmas will be over when this reaches you and I sincerely hope you all enjoyed yourselves. I know it is hard to be happy with all your boys away, but like me, just keep looking ahead for that good time. It's sure to come. This will be my fourth Christmas among strangers, but here's hoping the next will be spent at home, sweet home."

Regards to all my friends in Winnipeg. Take them by the hand for me and wish them the compliments of the season.

Pte. Arthur Johnson.

TRENCH ECHOES

We were so fortunate as to procure a copy of "Trench Echoes," published by the 27th Winnipeg Battalion in France. Some lively paper, with its Whiz-bangs, Gas-shells, and Shrapnel. We do not know how wide a circulation it has in France, but we do know how comparatively small it is here in Winnipeg. So for once, at least, we are going to take a chance and reprint some of its splendid jokes and hits.

"Thousands of socks for the front," we read. Let us hope they will arrive on the feet of many stalwart reinforcements.

"O Death, where is thy sting?" murmured bombs, as he gingerly unscrewed a Heine bomb to take out the detonator.

As the regiment was leaving and the crowd cheering, a recruit asked:

"Who are those people who are cheering?"

"They," replied the veteran, "are the people who are not going."
—Life.

Many people ask us: "What will be the outcome of this war?" We will tell them when we get back to dear old Winnipeg. In the meantime the only thing that concerns us is the immediate present, and the hope that the next billets will be a little less godless than the last

Motto for Billets:

Look before you sleep.

Not many bullets find their billets—thank goodness.

Bill: "What is a camel-flage, Ted?"

Ted: "A blinkin' hallucination."

PERSONALS

Sergt. H. Morrison who is now in England suffering from a broken arm, has lately been awarded the Military Medal. Congratulations, Harold!

James Mackie, who left here as a lance corporal in the 27th Winnipeg Battalion, has received the Military Medal and been promoted to a lieutenancy. Our boys are doing us proud.

We were sorry to note last week the departure of our young friend Charlie Steen, who has so often entertained us at our concerts and social evenings. He has joined the Navy and has gone to Halifax for training.

We are sure his ability as flautist and humorous entertainer will be greatly appreciated by his companions.

We have lost, this past week, two of our well-known tennis players and most popular boys, namely, Pte. Henry Scott and Pte. Archie Paul, who left on Monday night for overseas. If Harry can handle his gun as efficiently as he can a tennis racquet we are sorry for Fritz. Our very best wishes go with the boys.

Military rule is rather harsh at times, and a skating-party without the guest of honor is rather a disappointing affair. Still, we have to "carry on."

SMILE AWHILE!

He Knew

The other day, aboard a crowded Portage Avenue car, the irritated conductor in stentorian tones commanded, "Move on, move on, lots of room at the front!" and to the extreme amusement of the passengers immediately received the following reply from a crippled soldier: "I can vouch for that, sir, I've just returned."

A Good Memory

Hostess (to shy girl): Of course you know what charades are, Miss L——?"

Miss L——: "Well, I have really forgotten just what they look like, but I've eaten them scores of times."

Thrift

As a sample of Scotch thrift, the following is hard to beat: A farmer had bought his youngest son a pair of glasses, and having occasion shortly after to leave home was giving his wife directions about management in his absence. "And," says he, "when wee Donal' is no lookin' at anything, mak' him tak' off his spees!"

A Natural Inquiry

Timothy O'Brien, while passing down Main street one morning, was hit on the head by a brick which fell from a building in process of construction. He was taken to the hospital in an unconscious condition, but was soon revived sufficiently to send for a lawyer. Some days later he received a call from his lawyer, who informed him that he had settled the case, whereupon he peeled off seven crisp new one hundred dollar bills.

"How much did you get?" questioned Tim feebly.

"Twenty-five hundred dollars," replied the lawyer complacently.

"Twenty-five hundred dollars, an' ye give me seven hundred?" screamed Tim. "Say, who got hit by the brick, you or me?"

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"What was he put in for?" asked the governor.

"Stead' of workin' fo' it dat goo-fo'-nothin' niggarr done stole some bacon."

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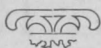
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